

Prologue Quick Write

Romeo and Juliet

Close Reading Directions: Read the following passage. It is the Prologue from *Romeo and Juliet*. As you read, Mark the Text and Write in the Margins using the following guidelines.

Mark the Text:

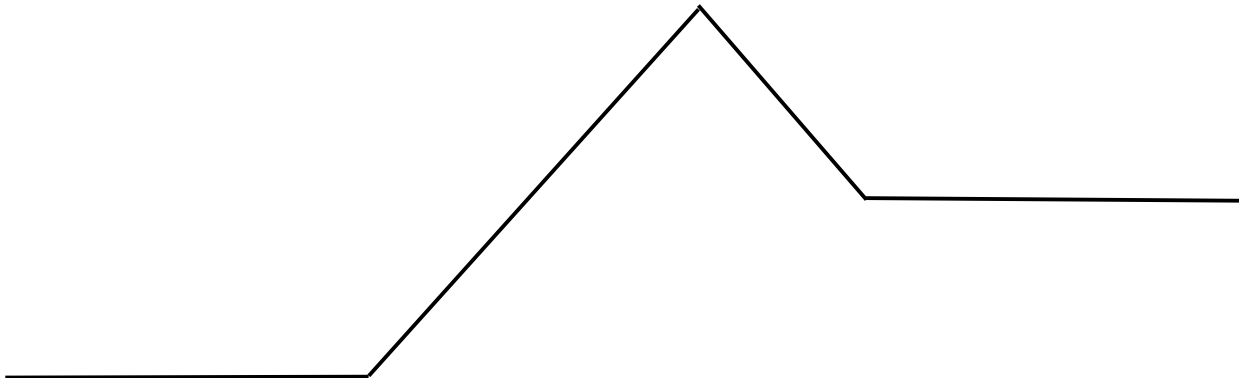
- Box unknown words/phrases
- Circle important nouns
- Underline important details
- Highlight any information that relates to the idea of fate and free will.

Write in the Margins:

- Connect: Connect the Prologue to your previous knowledge of the Plot of a Story - where do you see the Exposition? the Rising Action? the Climax? the Falling Action? the Resolution? Use the chart on the next page to help.

Prologue

- 1 Two households, both alike in dignity,
In fair Verona, where we lay our scene,
From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,
Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.
- 5 From forth the fatal loins of these two foes
A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life;
Whose misadventured piteous overthrows
Do with their death bury their parents' strife.
The fearful passage of their death-mark'd love,
- 10 And the continuance of their parents' rage,
Which, but their children's end, nought could remove,
Is now the two hours' traffic of our stage;
The which if you with patient ears attend,
What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend.



Quick Write Directions: Answer the following prompt in a paragraph using at least 2 pieces of textual evidence from the passage above.

What kind of relationship does Shakespeare develop between love and hate? What effect does the prologue have on the structure of the rest of the story?

*Stuck? Try using the following sentence frame for your **Main Idea** sentence.

Shakespeare establishes a _____ relationship between love and hate in the Prologue of *Romeo and Juliet*; the Prologue contributes to the readers' experience of the story by _____.

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